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Atty Dkt: 10040349-1

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending in the application prior to the present amendment. Claims 1-5 and 9-27 are canceled herein without prejudice to applicants' right to re-present some or all of these claims in a later-filed application. Claims 6-8 remain in the application unchanged. Accordingly, after entry of the amendment, claims 6-8 will be pending in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration are requested.

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I. Claim Status

In the final Office action mailed February 26, 2008, claims 1, 2, 17, 18 and 20 were rejected over prior art. Claim 6 was allowed. Claims 3-5, 7-16, 19, 21-27 stood withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner due an earlier election of species restriction requirement and a subsequent election by applicants.

In the present amendment, applicants cancel rejected claims 1, 2, 17, 18 and 20 and withdrawn claims 3-5, 9-16, 19 and 21-27. Thus, all of the pending claims have been canceled herein except for allowed independent claim 6 and claims 7 and 8 which depend from claim 6. Accordingly, after entry of the present amendment, it is believed that all of the pending claims will be in condition for allowance.

As noted above, claims 7 and 8 were previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Since claims 7 and 8 depend from allowed claim 6, however, it is believed that their presence in the application and identification as allowed claims is proper.

For at least the reasons advanced above, applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application.

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